

(c) (i) The following railway projects are in progress in Karnataka;

1. Bangalore-Mysore and Bangalore-Yelahanka Gauge Conversion.
2. Chitradurg-Rayadurg New Line.
3. Part of the Konkan Railway in Karnataka from Mangalore side.

(ii) Keeping in view the need to bring about speedy development of the transportation infrastructure in the backward areas, the following sections have been included in the budget for 92-93 for conversion from MG to BG.

1. Bangalore-Hubli 469 m.
2. Miraj-Londa (Partly in Maharashtra) 188 km.
3. Hospet-Hubli-Goa (Partly in Goa) 489 km.

[English]

Rail Line from Kalka to Parwanoo

955. PROF PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh for extending the broad gauge railway line from Kalka (Haryana) to Parwanoo (H.P.);

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Consideration of the proposal would depend on the results of the study now in progress and availability of resources in the coming years.

[Translation]

Electrification of New Delhi-Bhiwani and New Delhi-Amritsar Routes

956. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the railway line between New Delhi-Bhiwani and New Delhi-Amritsar;

(b) if so, the time frame fixed for the execution of this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Electrification of Delhi-Ludhiana via Panipat, a part of New Delhi-Amritsar section is an approved work. However, there is no proposal to electrify Delhi-Bhiwani and Ludhiana-Amritsar sections.

(b) Delhi-Ludhiana section is planned for completion by 1995-96.

(c) Due to constraints of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes.

[English]

Grant of Licences to Sugar Mills

957. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:

**SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEER-
APPA:**

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals from State Governments, particularly from Haryana for setting up of new sugar mills during the current year;

(b) if so, the number of licences granted under the new guidelines for setting up of sugar mills during 1991-92 with locations thereof; State-wise;

(c) the number of proposals pending clearance with the Government and the reasons therefor; and

(d) when these pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Letter of Intent/Licence for setting up of a new sugar factory has been granted under the new licensing policy guidelines during the current sugar year (from October 1991) till date.

(c) and (d). As on 31.01.1992, 689 applications for setting up of new sugar factories are pending consideration with the Ministry of Food. Government has announced the revised licencing policy guidelines for the sugar year 1991-92 and 8th plan period (1992-93 to 1996-97) on 08.11.1991. All pending applications would now be considered as per these revised guidelines.

**Insurance Cover of Industries Handling
Hazardous substances**

**958. SHRI BJOY KRISHNA HAN-
DIQUE:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing industries handling hazardous substances are bound to take adequate insurance cover under the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 by March 1992;

(b) whether the General Insurance Corporation (GIC) refuses to issue any insurance cover under the Act unless Government puts a limit on claims; and

(c) if so the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The Public Liability Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 1992 has been promulgated on 31.1.92 fixing the limits of insurance cover.

[Translation]

Sale of Flour gags through FPS

**959. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
SHRIPHOL CHAND VERMA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEYA:
SHRISURYA NARAIN YADAV:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:**

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to stop supply of wheat to Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to sell flour bags to consumers instead of wheat;

(c) if so, the date from which it is likely to be started and the reasons therefor;